



UPPER EDGE BAPTIST CHURCH

Newsletter

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FREEDOM



Lord, it's so easy to end up
Walking backwards
Into the future
Focused on the past.
Dismayed
At what has been.
Paralysed by failure.
Living out
An endless cycle of misery.
Unable to imagine
Anything different.

Turn me around, lord.
And in your smile
Of acceptance,
Bring light:
New dignity and self-worth,
Fresh hope and courage
To embrace life yet to be lived.
A story yet to be told.
A future, frightening
In its freedom
To make fresh choices
And live in the
Wide open spaces
Of your grace and glory,
Standing tall and
Shouting your praise.
The prison door
Of the past wide open
To a new adventure.

A hearing loop
is installed in
church.





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Dear Friends in the Church and Community,

What causes you to get upset, angry or sad when you go out and about these days? For me that is Litter. So how do I cope with these feelings? I have a number of actions which I can take. I could:-

- * *continue to feel sad/angry and get myself worked up each time I see any litter - and it would still be there*
- * *take action and report it to the council by phone or on the website.*
- * *simply try to ignore it - and it would still be there*
- * *do something about it and try to tidy a particular area up.*

This last action is the one that I have chosen and fortunately am able and willing to take on and in so doing serve the local community. It can be incredibly frustrating at times, and it would be easy to give up, however it is also rewarding as I see areas which were once grot spots and are now a pleasure to walk past as they have stayed reasonably free from litter, though they don't always stay like that for too long. Sometimes other people take on the task which is always pleasing.

Each Monday morning my husband Ken and I along with another couple and a few other volunteers join us at 9.15am for another litter picking session. Armed with gloves, a litter picking stick, a medium-sized reusable shopping bag and a carrier bag we set off usually for a couple of hours or sometimes only an hour to go out and take care of our local environment. The council have provided me with hundreds of clear bin sacks to empty the rubbish in to. This is then left by a black Calderdale bin for collection,

So how did we start volunteering. We got annoyed at the fact that there were so many cans, bottles and other rubbish spoiling the countryside as well as the streets and unless we did something about it, it would only get worse.

We have cleared: the footpath from Lillands Lane all the way up to Pinfold Lane and removed rubbish from years ago, Strangstry Woods, Lower Edge Road, we regularly collect along Wakefield Rd out of Brighouse and from Bridge End up Scotty bank and through Thornes Park to name but a few areas.

We get a lift when people show their appreciation for what we do and what we really like is when people ask us how to get involved. The small group which I seem to be in charge of is enough for me to organise and more often than not they are not usually free on a Monday morning! I do try to get anyone interested to start off simply looking at the road where they live and collecting there or finding a friend to go with them.

We like to be seen collecting as it has got people interested and made some realise that it is something they can do. Covid certainly helped us meet more people. However, many feel it is not something they can do and others that it is the council's job - but they did not cause it. What will things be like for future generations if we don't do something about it now?

We collect the empty cans separately as these are then taken down to the Cromwell Bottom Nature Reserve where they receive money for them to help with their projects. We would rather the government does put a deposit on cans though and even plastic bottles.

This is a beautiful time of year when plants start growing again, the bulbs are flowering and the trees are getting their new leaves. Last year in June I came across a Bee Orchid with its beautiful flower in amongst some grass and litter. I do hope it is there still this year. It is on the front cover again to remind you of what it looks like. Isn't nature amazing!

I believe I have helped to make a difference, however small that has been, and encouraged others to do likewise. We need to respect this world that God has created for us and not take it for granted.

Will you help?

God Bless

Anne Inwood

Please contact me if you would like to help - see back page for email address

MAY

Sunday 28th

10.30am
4.00pm

PENTECOST – WHIT SUNDAY

Morning Worship led by Rev Allan Wolfenden
Brighouse and Rastrick Churches Together
Pentecost Service at Brighouse Salvation
Army Community Church



Monday 29th

Spring Bank Holiday – WHIT MONDAY

Wednesday 31st

10.00am
7.30pm

Time To Reflect
House Group at Colin Kitching's

JUNE

Sunday 4th

10.30am
11.45am

TRINITY SUNDAY

Morning Worship led by Mr Julian Dowson
Church AGM

Monday 5th

8.00pm

Beer and Banter for men @ The Four Sons 'Painting
Pictures' with Matthew Evans

Wednesday 7th

10.00am
7.30pm

Time To Reflect
House Group at Colin Kitching's

Sunday 11th

10.30am

Morning Worship with Communion by led by Mr Paul
Newman

Names for lunch on the 14th – TODAY please

Wednesday 15th

10.00am
12.15 for 12.30pm
7.30pm

Time To Reflect
Lunch
House Group at Colin Kitching's



Saturday 17th

8.30am
Top

Men's Breakfast @The Toby Carvery Ainley

Sunday 18th

10.30am

Morning Worship led by Mrs Janet Lawton

Wednesday 21st

10.00am
7.30pm

Time To Reflect
House Group at Colin Kitching's

Sunday 25th

10.30am

Morning Worship led by led by Mrs Lorraine Tatham and
Young Church

Wednesday 28th

10.00am
7.30pm

Time To Reflect
House Group at Colin Kitching's

JULY

Sunday 2nd

10.30am

Morning Worship led by Mr Mark Stephenson

Wednesday 5th

10.00am
7.30pm

Time To Reflect
House Group at Colin Kitching's

Sunday 9th

10.30am

Morning Worship led by the Deacons

Names for lunch on the 12th – TODAY please

Wednesday 12th

10.00am
12.15 for 12.30pm
7.30pm

Time To Reflect
Lunch
House Group at Colin Kitching's



Sunday 16th

10.30am

Morning Worship led by Mrs Janet Lawton

Wednesday 19th

10.00am
7.30pm

Time To Reflect
House Group at Colin Kitching's

Sunday 23rd

10.30am

Morning Worship led by Rev Dr Nike Adebajo

Wednesday 26th

10.00am
7.30pm

Time To Reflect
House Group at Colin Kitching's

Sunday 30th

10.30am

Morning Worship to be confirmed

News of and from the Fellowship



Please remember in your prayers those who mourn the loss of family members and friends especially. Help us to be there for them and often just to wait in silence and listen when they speak.

Don't forget to let someone know if you would like us to pray for them.

Father in heaven, may we share the light and life of Jesus with others today, and always.



Our Coronation Celebration

King Charles' Coronation was a fabulous day of pomp and celebration and I'm sure the vast majority of people had celebrations of their own.



We here at Upper Edge Baptist Church had a wonderful afternoon with scones, lashings of jam and cream, Prosecco, tea and coffee, games, fun and conversation. I sat with Lorraine and as we looked up the table at everyone laughing, talking, eating and smiling she put her hand on my arm and said something like, "ooo, it's all gone well, we've done good". I couldn't agree with her more. But overall, what I felt from the afternoon was kindness. Kindness and sharing.

Lorraine, I and her family might have done the heavy work but everyone else did their bit..... so thank you to Jo Dowson who made a beautiful cake especially for Joan to celebrate her birthday. Joan had a great afternoon with her friends who couldn't quite get their head round that they were at a Church do!!! That's how inclusive we are in our Church.



Thank you to Christine Lister for washing up, thanks to Louise for drying and to Isobelle

for washing up, drying and putting away!

Thank you to Kaitlin, Penny and Tess for the higher or lower game and Alan for "trying" to impersonate Bruce Forsyth.

Thanks go to Ken for doing the techy thing with the music and to Christine Sunderland for whipping the cream.

And thanks to everyone who helped to put the tables and chairs away.

Special thanks also go to Christine Newman for her brilliant idea of cupcakes, (which she baked) and put in boxes (which she made) for anyone of us to take and gift to a friend or neighbour. Someone who maybe doesn't go to Church, they may have a belief or none.... that kind gesture, that little cupcake is like a seed which has the capacity to grow into a belief. Christine is a true disciple of our Lord Jesus Christ as she shows her love for others by her good deeds and kindness.

By the way if you did watch the King's Coronation, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby really described our King as being a servant to the King of all Kings. He made it clear that even The King of England is in the service of the one true leader and master GOD.

Jane Foley



The poem is taken from a book Called *The Right Words* and is by Donna Ashworth.

TO BE KIND

If you worry you're not kind enough,
then I think you're already so.
Because kindness is within you, you
just have to let it flow.

No act of kindness,
No matter how small,
Is ever wasted.
AESOP

It's the wishing good on strangers, even though your day is grey.
It's the smiling at the lady who is getting in your way.

It's the little spoon of sugar, that you leave out for a bee.
It's the catching of a spider, in a glass, to set it free.

It's stopping for a stranger, who is holding out a tin.
It's the not becoming blind, to someone eating from a bin.

It's the sharing of your treasures, whether plentiful or not.
To some a pound means nothing, but to many, it's a lot.

It's the listening to the stories, you have heard ten times before,
But refuse to show the signs, that you're finding it a chore.

It's the trying to cut out plastic and eat more plants than meat.
Being kind to the planet,
and yourself, is no mean
feat.

Kindness is a feeling, an
atmosphere of care.
It's not the great big
gestures, it's just showing
that you're there.



Me: God, can I ask You a question?
God: Sure
Me: Promise You won't get mad
God: I promise
Me: Why did You let so much stuff happen to me today?
God: What do u mean?
Me: Well, I woke up late
God: Yes
Me: My car took forever to start
God: Okay
Me: at lunch they made my sandwich wrong and I had to wait
God: Huummm
Me: On the way home, my phone went DEAD, just as I picked up
a call
God: All right
Me: And on top of it all off, when I got home ~I just want to soak
my feet in my new foot massager and relax. BUT it wouldn't
work!!! Nothing went right today! Why did You do that?
God: Let me see, the death angel was at your bed this morning
and I had to send one of My Angels to battle him for your
life. I let you sleep through that
Me (humbled): OH
GOD: I didn't let your car start because there was a drunk driver on
your route that would have hit you if you were on the road.
Me: (ashamed)
God: The first person who made your sandwich today was sick and
I didn't want you to catch what they have, I knew you
couldn't afford to miss work.
Me (embarrassed): Okay
God: Your phone went dead because the person that was calling
was going to give false witness about what you said on that
call, I didn't even let you talk to them so you would be
covered.
Me (softly): I see God
God: Oh and that foot massager, it had a shortage that was going
to throw out all of the power in your house tonight. I didn't
think you wanted to be in the dark.

Me: I'm Sorry God
 God: Don't be sorry, just learn to Trust Me.... in All things , the Good & the bad.
 Me: I will trust You.
 God: And don't doubt that My plan for your day is Always Better than your plan.
 Me: I won't God. And let me just tell you God, Thank You for Everything today.
 God: You're welcome child. It was just another day being your God and I Love looking after My Children...

PASS ON if you Believe in HIM

To All in The Community - That means YOU
2nd Wednesday in the month
Wednesday 14th June and 12th July
Church Lunch @ 12.15 for 12.30pm



2 course meal with tea, coffee and chocolates. and a few jokes.
 Please book your place NOW. We would love to have you join us at this social occasion.

Donations welcome Contact Lorraine on 01422 823013

We cater for many diets eg vegetarians, vegans, coeliacs - you must let us know though in advance when you sign the notice in the Church Hall or alternatively ring to book your place.

Do come along to this informal meal for a chat, good food, generally a laugh or two, a few jokes and a game of Bingo.

Spring Cleaning doesn't need to cost the Earth! As days lengthen and brighten we begin to think of Spring Cleaning our homes, but many of the popular cleaning agents contain toxic chemicals which can be detrimental to us as well as the environment. Have you read the label on your washing up liquid recently? Many say they are toxic to aquatic life.



"After my goats died, I thought I shouldn't have got into this business," says Parbati's husband, Bishnu. "I had to spend the money that was supposed to be for my children's education on treating them... and then they just died. So, I had to bear a lot of loss."

Parbati and Bishnu are devoted parents to four daughters, relying on animal rearing for their family's survival. Life has taught them not to dream too big. Until now. Your generous gift of £200.00 to Good Land, the BMS World Mission Harvest appeal, has allowed this family to imagine a better life for themselves. When Bishnu heard that BMS partner workers would be moving into Ghusel, in Nepal, he knew exactly what his dream would be for his family. "I really want to take veterinary training," he says, "so that all my goats and buffalo will be healthy."

By choosing to give to Good Land, you've allowed Parbati and Bishnu's dream to become a reality.

Thanks to you, they'll receive basic veterinary training to diagnose common diseases in their livestock. They'll also have access to breeding bucks that will be cared for by small collectives in the village so that they can breed their animals and generate money to pay school fees and more.

Thank you once again for this wonderful act of kindness and generosity,

Every blessing,


Kang-San Tan

General Director, BMS World Mission

What's on and when in the church hall

Monday	Empire dance Troop	4.00pm – 8.00pm
Tuesday	Stitch group	fortnightly
Wednesday	Time To Reflect Lunch	10.00am – 11.00am 12.30pm (2 nd Wed in the month for the community)
Thursday	Table Tennis	2.00pm - 4.00pm
Friday	Line Dancing	10.15am – 11.30am (coffee, tea and biscuits after)
Saturday	Creative Edge Bound To Be Good	10.00am – 4.00pm (2 nd Sat in the month) Quarterly + November

The main purpose of holding children's parties is to remind yourself that there are children even more awful than your own.



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

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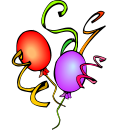
JUNE

Christine Sunderland 2nd
Heather Callander 5th
Muriel Pratley 19th

JULY

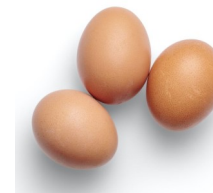
Ernestine Lyonga 23rd
David Wilkinson 30th

Happy Birthday too to anyone whose name has not been mentioned and would like a mention next year



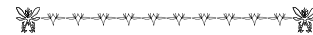
A young man had to go a distance on the railway and did not know how to get a ticket as he had never travelled by train before.

He thought he would take notice of the young lady immediately before him when she got her ticket and would do the same. The young lady said, "Mary Hill single". Peter thought and when his turn came he said, "Peter Brown married".



"While I'm away," said the farmer's wife to her daily help Mary, "Be sure to write on each egg when it was laid."

When the farmer's wife returned a few days later she found each egg diligently marked TODAY.



A Hug

There's just no doubt about it,
We scarce could live without it.
A hug delights and warms and charms,
It must be why God gave us arms



What does Hugging Face emoji mean?

Bring it in, there, buddy. The hugging face emoji is **meant to depict a smiley offering a hug**. But, it's often just used to show excitement, express affection and gratitude, offer comfort and consolation, or signal a rebuff.





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Hall For Hire

Good size room suitable for a variety of activities for all ages plus kitchen

Disabled access and toilet facilities

Prices from £25 per session

Contact **Paul Armitage** on 01484 714944 for more information

“The starting pay is £40,000. Later it can go up to £80,000.”

“Great. I’ll start later.”

May we support the people of Ukraine, Turkey and Syria in whatever way we are able and remember them daily in our prayers.

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Cheers to King Charles III, Queen Camilla

and Happy Birthday Joan!



Flytipping



It has been noted that a bin bag for collecting dog poo-bags (and litter) has been put on the end of the fence by the gate into the field by the electricity sub-station. A good idea? **Only** if the kind person who has done that then deposits it at the council tip and not on the pavement by the lamppost and adds it to the last bag collected put there. Please remove these as the flies are buzzing and the bags are being torn apart. This is classed as fly tipping and encourages others to simply dump rubbish anywhere and expect the council to remove them. It also can incur a fine. Search Calderdale flytipping to report such instances.